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Dear Senator Gorton:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, enclosing a letter from [excised] in Seattle, Washington, concerning the priorities [illeg] for the admission of Afghan refugees into the United States.

In fiscal year 1982 the United States increased the ceiling for Near East and South Asian refugees from 6,300 to 6,500 persons. Of this number, 4,500 numbers were allocated for Afghan refugees. By the end of yr 1982, 4,239 Afghan refugees had been admitted to the United States. The U.S. has felt an obligation first to present those with ties to the U.S., those refugees who have been persecuted because of their ties to the U.S. and those refugees who had reason to fear persecution based on their ties to the U.S.

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contributed to contain ongoing relief programs of [illeg] voluntary agencies and [2 words illeg]. The commitments to Afghan refugee ceiling in FY 1983 will exceed \$100 million.

I hope this information proves [illeg] beneficial to you in responding to [excised]. If you have further questions, please contact the Office of Refugee Admissions on [illeg].

With cordial regards,

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